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1. Summary: During the reported period we have added five new accommodation addresses to the project, giving us a total of twenty-five.

2. Action Required: This progress report is intended to be as helpful as possible in regard to the Request for Project Renewal which follows. Please note especially the comments in the finance section (paragraph 7).

3. Progress Towards Fulfilling Project Objectives: At the moment we have nine drops which are unassigned and which can be immediately put to operational use (CABATON-29, 27, 30, 35, 37, 39, 41, 42, 43). We also have two others which we feel can be activated very quickly and easily - that is to say, within a week if needed (CABATON-19, 28). In addition, we have five that can still take additional load (CABATON-5, 21, 24, 25, 26). In other words, we can now absorb sixteen to twenty requirements.

4. Agent Performance

~~CABATON 16~~ case officer

Location: Ober Reifenberg

Assignments:

and CAPRICE 22 (Berlin). The last of these assignments was made in January 1960. There has been no traffic from [] since early summer 1959. There has been absolutely no traffic at any time from [].

[] We assume that he has been so impressed with the security controls of the country in which he resides that he has decided not to have anything to do with us. There has been no traffic from [].

Mail from CAPRICE 22 is expected to originate from near Karl Marx Stadt in the DDR. The other users are widely spread in regard to this drop, and we see no security problems connected with the concurrent assignment.

Performance: Completely satisfactory. Agent expects to be continually on hand throughout the year with the exception of his usual summer vacation from about mid-July to mid-August.

Finance: DM 100 per month.

Special Limitations: None. This drop will have further advantage of a home telephone by the end of February.

~~CABATON 5~~ case officer
Alternate

Location: Frankfurt
(Heddernheim)

Assignments: Still CABATON 19, CAELI 1, CARET, and Kality and CADORM, the latter two using a box procured by CABATON 5 but serviced by FOB/SO.

Performance: Completely satisfactory. Eager to accept more assignments. In view of the nature of current assignments, believe we can load at least one DDR or other Communist orbit channel on this one. She has recently expressed willingness to accept such an assignment.

Limitations: None. The problem of the unwitting husband still exists. From point of view of continued smooth running and security of this drop, having a female case officer is a great help in this case. It is increasingly apparent that Subject will never wish to make her husband witting. The strains and stresses in the marriage have not improved.

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3 CABATON 9: Case officer []

Assignment: AEHRUMBUG 1 was recently turned over to the host service. We, therefore, must consider CABATON 9 as blown to the host service.

Performance: CABATON 9 was always prompt in getting in touch with us whenever a piece of mail arrived. She has never received anything except periodic gifts for her services. We have been very fortunate to have her cooperation for the past several years.

Future Plans: It is obvious that we can no longer use her Frankfurt address for mail reception. However, Subject owns a country house in the Spessart which affords some support possibilities - either in the CABATON or CAELI field that will be carefully looked into.

4 CABATON 15: Contact with this drop is being discontinued. If by any chance there should be a communication from BEKISS (who is now in prison in Poland), CABATON 15 can reach us through the telephone channel he already possesses. In any case, we shall start the administrative work necessary to get CABATON 15 off the books as an active agent.

5 CABATON 19: Case officer []

Assignments: None.

Performance data: The case officer saw CABATON 19 on 4 February in Hannover. He was married in August, and now has a one-room apartment on the southern edge of the city. His mother and some of the rest of his family are still in Havelberg in the DDR, and he will not receive mail from the Soviet Bloc due to anxiety for them. However, he indicated willingness to receive mail from other areas. Furthermore, he is going to brief his wife on the receipt of mail. We already have full name traces on her, and it seems advisable to make her sitting so that she can service the mail as well.

Finance: Agent was informed at last meeting that he would receive a regular salary at the agreed DM 100 per month when he starts to receive mail.

Comment: This drop will be used strictly for non-Soviet Bloc mail. He relays through CABATON 5.

6 CABATON 20: Case officer []

Location: Witzingen/
Main

There has been no change and no activity in regard to this drop.

7 CABATON 21: Case officer []
Alternate

Location: Wiesbaden

Assignments: HIHEATHER and HILECTERM. Mail for the former originates in England, and for the latter inside Hungary.

Performance: Satisfactory. The agent seems prompt in servicing mail when it reaches him. In his case we use a former address from which mail is forwarded to his post box. This post box is located far from his home. Operation of this drop has pointed up the advantages of accommodation addresses which are actually the residence of a support agent, and which can preferably be serviced by either husband or wife.

Finance: At his request, we are not at this time paying him any salary as he is receiving temporary lodging in a safehouse.

8 CABATON 22: Case officer []
Alternate

Location: Frankfurt/
Sindlingen

Assignments: ACCOMPASS 13: This communications line is very active, with the agent contacting CABATON 22 by telephone, telegram, or letter at least once a month.

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Comment: This agent is retired from active duty but CABATON 22 remains as the communications link, and it is anticipated that from time to time the agent will be using the address to communicate with KUBANK.

Performance: Satisfactory. The agent has been very efficient in reporting promptly, and her security standards are gradually improving with experience.

Finance: Continues to receive DM 100 per month.

Plans: It is not anticipated that we will be loading any more traffic on this address since the AECOMPASS operation has it pretty well saturated at the present time.

9 ✓ CABATON 24

Case officer

Alternate

Location: Boeblingen/
Wuerttemberg

Assignments: Most recently has been assigned to GOJAM. The only cancellation so far of requirements outstanding for this drop has been the cancellation of CAVALLO in EGBA-61016 of 12 January 1960. The others remain on the books but there is no traffic from any except GOJAM for which we are currently running a few tests.

Performance: Satisfactory. Currently under a series of tests for efficiency in relaying mail. Having an address to which mail can be sent in any name continues to be a highly desirable thing.

Finance: Continues to get DM 100 per month with one-half being applied as credit to his loan account which is now down to DM 326. This loan appears to have been money well invested.

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CABATON 25 Case officer

Alternate

Location: Frankfurt/Main

Assignments: The assignments remain as at last report - CAQUAD, GLDESTINY, and AEARIA.

Performance: Still satisfactory. No change. He has now rented out the apartment which he owns while he and his wife move into a much smaller place. He says his reason for this is to save money faster for emigration to PEPRIME.

Finance: Agent continues to be paid DM 100 per month.

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CABATON 26 Case officer

Location: Gingen/Fils
Wuerttemberg

Assignments: Although this address was offered to BOB in March 1959, it was never assigned by them. We have recently run test letters through the drop and it functions very well. No assignments at present.

Performance: Satisfactory.

Finance: Continues to get DM 50 per month.

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CABATON 27 Case officer

Location: Niedernhausen/
Taunus

Assignment: With the termination of the AEMERCEDES operation, this address is once again available, and we intend to hold it for a good operation.

Comment: The situation remains as it was reported in the last progress report.

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CABATON 28 Case officer

Location: Ueberlingen
am Bodensee

Assignment: None as yet.

Performance: See EGFA-28995 and EGFA-28996 of 30 December 1959 for details concerning the record of contacts with this person. We have tested the drop and found that it works satisfactorily.

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Finance: Thus far he has refused to accept any payment.

Plans: At the end of the month of February there will be another meeting in Überlingen with Subject, at which time we shall attempt to improve the control aspect of the relationship.

14 ✓ CABATON 29 Case officer

] Location: Fulda

Assignment: None.

Performance: Excellent. He services mail quickly and efficiently (as proven with test letters), and is extremely eager to do a good job. He was instructed to take out a postbox for himself in Frankfurt as a line of communication to us. This he did very willingly. We service the box.

Finance: Continues to receive DM 80 per month.

15 ✓ CABATON 30 Case officer

] Location: Limburg

Assignment: None.

Performance: Satisfactory, although he has expressed anxiety lest he become involved in something such as the much-publicized "Red Hand" activities that have made a big splash in the local newspapers with two assassination attempts (one successful) in this area. We expect that we will be able to control Subject's anxiety and that he will continue to act as a drop. The channel has been successfully tested.

Finance: Continues to receive DM 50 per month.

16 CABATON 31 Case officer

] Location: Frankfurt

Assignment: AECOMPASS 9.

Performance: Excellent. This man is an extremely enthusiastic type and most willing to do anything he can to help. He has procured a local postbox for us to be used in addition to his residential address. Subject is still undecided as to whether he will remain in Germany or emigrate. At the moment he has so much in the way of uncompleted professional plans in his present location that it is unlikely that he will make a move for emigration in the near future. Besides, he finds the language a difficult barrier to overcome before undertaking emigration to PBPRIME.

Finance: Subject receives DM 50 per month.

17 CABATON 32 Case officer

] Location: Worms

Assignment: None.

Performance: In accord with the request stated in EGFW-9969 of 26 January 1960, arrangements are currently being made for an LCFLUTTER test of this person to assist in assessing the security factors relevant to her former husband.

Finance: If the assessment of these results appear to justify keeping up our relationship, she will then be put on a salary of DM 50 per month.

18 CABATON 33 Case officer

] Location: Reutlingen

Assignment: DMTRUMP (Paris).

Performance: Subject is a student at Tuebingen, specializing in philology with major emphasis on English and Russian. He is now fully recruited and has proven completely cooperative. As with most of our outlying drops, this man relays letters to a Frankfurt post office box.

Finance: Subject receives DM 50 per month.

Plans: It is possible, due to Subject's youth, the high calibre of the university he is attending, and his major academic interests that he may in the future develop into a REDSKIN possibility. This

will be kept in mind throughout our relationship with him.

49 ✓ CABATON

Case officer []

] Location: Heidelberg/
Rohrbach

Assignment: None.

Performance: Subject has been most cooperative since he was picked up. He has provided leads to Subjects of FROB 6068, and to two others who may well in the near future be brought into service as CABATONs.

Finance: Subject receives DM 100 per month.

Plans: Subject has accepted a job with the Federal Government in Hamburg and moved there early in January. So far, he is leaving his family in Heidelberg, but they will probably join him eventually in Hamburg.

50 ✓ CABATON

Case officer []

] Location: Braunschweig

Assignment: None.

Performance: No change since last report.

51 ✓ CABATON

Case officer []

] Location: Frankfurt

Assignment: None.

Performance: Subject and his wife, who were picked up after completion of service on a CART assignment, have been very cooperative. They have two serviceable addresses - one in Frankfurt, and the other in Baden, where they formerly lived. In addition, they continue to provide a certain amount of low-level CART information which is passed on to Bonn for liaison.

Finance: Receive DM 100 per month.

Plans: This is one of the drops which cannot be used for receipt of mail from inside the Soviet Bloc.

52 ✓ CABATON

Case officer []

] Location: Uelzen

(Formerly CAEDITOR)

Assignment: None. Acts as PA for unwitting drops he himself has spotted and recruited. See below.

Performance: This man, the former CAEDITOR, has been more than paying his way since he was given the job of providing addresses for us. Using as a cover his background as a political refugee from the East, he has been able to get several friends to agree to receive mail from him on the assumption that it is dangerous for friends in the Ostzone to write directly to him. He has travelled a considerable distance for us on this effort so far, and appears to have produced very good results - CABATONs 41, 42, and 43.

Finance: Agent now receives DM 100 per month.

Plans: At the moment, we see no need to assign CABATON 38 himself as an accommodation address. He has also been providing a certain amount of information on the EGIS and on border-crossing which has been distributed in the field. This he will continue to do.

53 ✓ CABATON

Case officer []

] Location: Frankfurt

Assignment: None.

Performance: This man was recruited on 15 December 1959 as described in EGPA 29108 of 6 January 1960. We have little doubt about the reliability of this person as a letter drop. His wife is completely willing. When this is possible, it improves the efficiency of communications.

Finance: Agent receives DM 75 per month.

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Plans: None at present aside from development of Subject and wife into efficient letter drop.

24 ✓ CABATON 41: Case officer [] - Location: Bevensen/Mr. Agent handler - CABATON 38 Uelzen.

Assignment: None.

Performance data: We have none on this person at present, who was recruited as an unwitting drop by CABATON 38 in line with the method outlined above. Testing is to start shortly.

Finance: No payment since ostensibly a personal service for a friend.

Comment: See EGFA 29113 of 12 January 1960.

25 ✓ CABATON 42: Case officer [] - Location: Hildesheim Agent handler: CABATON 38

Assignment: None.

Comments: The same remarks pertain as in regard to CABATON 41. See EGFA-29114.

26 ✓ CABATON 43: Case officer [] - Location: Koeln Agent handler: CABATON 38

Assignment: None.

Comments: The same remarks apply here as with the previous two letter drops. All are unwitting. None have met a KUBARK case officer, nor have they any idea they are to provide services for ODYOKO.

5. Agent Prospects: Rather than engage in a lengthy review of the current state of agent prospects, we will this time merely give the general picture. In the agent prospects files for CABATON we now have approximately eighteen active dossiers on persons in various stages of development. Out of these, we may be able to bring to the point of recruitment another five persons within the coming three months.

6. Other Mail Facilities: In connection with the post office box effort which was mentioned in the previous progress report, we now have twenty-one boxes in the Frankfurt area which are serviced by FOB/30 branch. Some of those were procured for us by CABATON agents. Others were obtained by FOB/30 case officers under alias. All of these boxes are serviced at least once a week by officers of this branch. Some of these boxes are used as primary communications links for FOB operations; some are used as relays for out-of-town CABATONS; and a few are assigned to operations run from Headquarters or other bases. A post office box is a relatively secure address for mail coming from any place except the Soviet Bloc, and can be used to obviate some of the letter drop requirements levied on FOB. Henceforth, the cost of maintaining these boxes will be borne by CABATON.

7. Finances and Commitments: The monthly payroll of this project is now running at about [] per month (about []). Monthly expenses connected with operational travel and entertainment of CABATON 38 and others, plus operational expenses of case officers in developing agent prospects amounts to another \$150 to \$200 per month. In other words, the project is now costing between [] and [] per month. However, this presents us with no imminent danger of exceeding the budget for the current project [].

8. Security: There have been no significant security problems during this period.

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9. Prospective Development and Planning: We plan to move ahead at a modest rate with recruitment of assets in order to be able to provide support not only to FOB operations, but also to EOB and other bases and stations.

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